

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 10, 2008**

PRESENT: Dennis Farrell, Julie Turkoske, Doreen Eicher, Nichole Hunkins, Lorraine Lee, Glenn Lee, Sandy Summerfield, Shelly Nelson-Green, Tony Goh, Karen Skonecki, Julia Loritz, Amy Uker, Jane Kirchhoff, Eugene Zacharyasz

STAFF PRESENT: Jack Bodien

Lorraine Lee called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members exchanged introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2008

Nicole Hunkins made a motion, seconded by Amy Uker to approve the minutes of August 13, 2008. The motion was voted on and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM MEMBERS OR GUESTS

Doreen Eicher reminded committee members that on September 30, 2008 an educational training will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Waukesha Memorial Hospital Education Center. Featured speakers in the morning will talk about the rights and responsibility of voting, registering, and how to vote. During the afternoon session, representatives from the Democratic and Republican Party will talk about the different candidate platforms and other candidates as well.

Lorraine Lee said it was a pleasure serving as Vice Chair of the DDAC with Kathleen Adams when she was Chair, and is happy that the People Can't Wait Committee will be rolling over to the same timeframe as the DDAC committee will be dissolved.

Julia Loritz from Independence First announced that she will be working in the Milwaukee area, and her new counterpart for the Waukesha County area will be Gary Corbin and Vicky Vierig.

Goodwill Industries will be opening up a new career center. This new service will be staffed by volunteers and provide assistance to anyone searching for a job, provide direction for job leads, classes on resume writing and computer skills.. The grand opening will be announced shortly. This service is different than the internet café which teaches seniors on how to use a computer.

On Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at Goodwill Industries in Waukesha, a panel presentation for those individuals who have already transition to Family Care. If you know of individuals who have transitioned to Family Care that would be willing to be a part of a panel discussion on how the transition to Family Care was, please contact Doreen Eicher at ACAP as she is looking for four more individuals.

PEOPLE CAN'T WAIT PRESENTATION

Doreen Eicher and Nicole Hunkins have been a part of People Can't Wait Coalition for the past six years. Originally, the coalition was started to help build the disability movement following deinstitutionalization so individuals would have some control over their own destiny. Doreen Eicher recalls that ACAP and ARCh had been approached by Kathleen Adams to see what kind of interest these organizations might have to bring individuals in Waukesha County together. The Waukesha People Can't Wait Coalition began with twelve to fifteen organizations, and six agencies are still representing the coalition to date. With the dissolving of the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee, the People Can't Wait Coalition hopes that members of the DDAC will join forces with the PCW and continue advocacy efforts. Over the years, PCW has accomplished the following activities:

- 2002 – The first advocacy pieces were established – educating individuals on how the County works, and offered morning or evening advocacy training
- 2005 – 2006 – State rally and meetings with legislators, Legislators breakfast at the Ranch, County Executive Forum with Dan Vrakas and Jim Dwyer. Started speaker's bureau speaking to different service clubs regarding developmental disabilities.
- 2006 -- Produced the "People Can't Wait" video.
- 2007 – 2008 – Interest with learning about Family Care. Parent advocacy training began in 2007 and continues through 2008. Next focus is on Family Care. PCW brochure, bookmark, and email address in place.

The People Can't Wait Coalition focuses on what is going on in our community, education, and action oriented as far as agendas and reports. Their mission is to advocate to all elected officials about services and waiting lists for individuals with disabilities. They also promote disability awareness through various media efforts.

The next meeting of the People Can't Wait Coalition is Thursday, September 25 at ACAP from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Shelly Martini will be the featured guest speaker.

DDAC REPORTS

A. Health & Human Services Board

Dennis Farrell reported the members of the ADRC Board is complete. Committee members include: John Curtis, Dennis Farrell, Jennifer Goetz, Bill Graham, Patricia Hansen, Nancy Pagel, Julie Turkoske and Sandy Wolf. Health and Human Services staff include Cathy Bellovary, Jack Bodien and Pat Popowski. The ADRC Board will meet the first Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the Human Services Center Brookfield Room. Dennis shared the Mission Statement for the ADRC Board.

B. Family Support

No Report.

C. Long Term Care Manager

Jack Bodien reported that we are half way through transitioning individuals from the waiver to Family Care. The waiting list should be eliminated in July 2010. He has not heard any stories from

individuals who have transitioned to Family Care because they are actually getting the same service from the same service provider.

D. Birth to Three

Missy Kueht-Becker was unable to attend due to an unexpected situation. She thanked everyone for coming to Lutheran Social Services for the annual picnic.

E. Continuing Education/Technical School

No Report.

F. Transportation Subcommittee

No Report.

G. People Can't Wait Coalition

See report above.

H. Direct Caregivers Report

No Report.

I. Vote to Dissolve DDAC

Dennis Farrell explained that he would like to have a nice social event as a final farewell for all DDAC members who have served on this committee for the past 25 years. Dennis will see about possible media coverage and extend an invitation to as many past members as possible. The event is on October 8, 2008, meeting at 11:00 a.m. with a luncheon to follow.

MOTION: Glenn Lee made a motion, seconded by Tony Goh to table this discussion to next month.
Motion approved and carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the DDAC will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at Goodwill on Nike Drive in Waukesha.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Linda Johnson

Approved on _____
Date